

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1536

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DIVERSION OF FOODGRAINS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large portion of foodgrains meant for Public Distribution System (PDS) is being smuggled out from some of the States to countries like Bangladesh and Nepal;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any inquiry in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government against such States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI)

- (a): There are no reports to indicate the smuggling of foodgrains meant for Public Distribution System (PDS) to the neighbouring countries. However, Border Guarding Forces are maintaining constant vigil along the borders to prevent illegal activities including smuggling of foodgrains.
- (b) to (e): Does not arise.